

REMARKS

Subsequent to entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-17 are presently pending. Claims 5, 10 and 18 have been rewritten in independent form by being incorporated into claims 1, 6 and 11, respectively, and were subsequently cancelled.

The Examiner is respectfully directed to at least numbered paragraphs [0013] and [0014] of the instant application for a description of an embodiment according to the amended independent claims.

The Examiner's rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite is rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 10.

In claim 1, an inadvertent error in original line 8 (i.e., "said main component") has been corrected to read "said first resin component".

Claims 1, 6 and 11 (i.e., the independent claims) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Figs. 13 and 14 of the instant application in view of Naito, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,656,307; hereinafter "Naito"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 6 and 11 are limited to a headlamp and each claim recites specific details about the molding apparatus/device/method, particularly how the extension

reflector and another portion of the headlamp are formed. Naito is directed to a cabinet assembly molding method and, as such, has absolutely nothing to do with the headlamp of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner is unfairly and improperly basing her rejection on impermissible hindsight gained from her understanding of the instant invention as explained in the instant application. Applicants respectfully submit that a person of ordinary skill would simply not have looked to Naito, which deals with cabinet assembly forming techniques, to solve the problems addressed by the instant inventors in the field of vehicular lamp assemblies, notwithstanding that the reference relates to injection molding.

Thus, claims 1, 6 and 11 are believed to be allowable, and the remaining claims are believed to be allowable at least by virtue of their dependency.

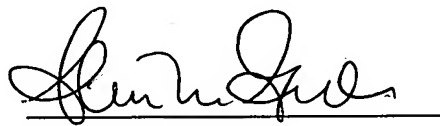
In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

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